

The convent recently acquired by the Sisters of Mercy at Kilbirnie has already proved inadequate for the number of pupils offering, and consequently an additional building is now being erected to provide for extra class-rooms. To finance the expenditure a bazaar was opened on Tuesday last at the Catholic church-school, Kilbirnie, by his Grace Archbishop O'Shea. The Kilbirnie, Miramar, and Seatoun stall is in charge of Mesdames Sidford and Bohan; the Lyall Bay stall, Mesdames Barraclough and Tilyard; the Hataitai stall, Mesdames Thompson and Woodward; the sweets stall, Mesdames Burke and Somerville; and the refreshment stall, the Children of Mary, with Miss Fabling in charge. The musical side has not been lost sight of, and well-known Wellington artists assisted to make the function attractive. The financial result was most successful, and the Sisters are to be congratulated on their enterprise in catering for the needs of the residents of the Eastern District of St. Anne's parish.

THE CASE OF IRELAND.

Mr. P. Fraser has given notice to ask the Prime Minister if he will introduce a motion urging the Imperial Government to grant self-determination to Ireland, and if not, will he give the opportunity for such a motion to be introduced and discussed.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

September 3.

On Saturday afternoon last, the Children of Mary paid a surprise visit to Rev. Mother at St. Joseph's Convent, on the Hill, and a really delightful afternoon it was. For rather more than 20 years, Rev. Mother has had charge of the Children of Mary, but a few months ago, owing to various difficulties such as distance, piles of business, and not nearly enough time to get it all done, Rev. Mother has had to give us up, so the girls thought they would like to show their appreciation of her good work in their regard, and they stormed the heights. Although the affair was a genuine surprise to Rev. Mother one or two of the Sisters were in the secret, and when the girls—about 40 of them, all dressed in their smartest and best and carrying the tea-party—arrived, the Social Hall was ready for them. Bowls of scarlet and pink camellias and more bowls of yellow daffodils made spots of bright color in the already pretty hall. A simply-worded little address, signed by most of the girls, was read by the president (Miss Kennedy), a tiny bag of sovereigns presented by the secretary (Miss Clark), and baskets of flowers were handed to Rev. Mother by Miss Julia O'Leary (Aramoho) and little Jean Souter. Rev. Mother's reply, impromptu of course, was just as nice as herself. You know, she always takes our part, and always will in spite of our many shortcomings. Finishing up her remarks, Rev. Mother handed the Children of Mary over to Sister Ignatius, who is in charge at St. Mary's, and while afternoon tea was being enjoyed, Sister Ignatius—one of our own old girls—renewed acquaintance with old friends and made some new ones. Several of the Sisters chatted about among the girls, and a batch of boarders—Sheila Kelly, Blandina Bremer, Marion Gower, Kitty McGreevy, Thelma Law, and Melva Piper,—played piano and violin and sang. During the afternoon, the girls discovered that one of the very best of us is likewise a teacup-reading expert, so there was "general post" to that corner of the room. A walk round the garden and lawns, a little visit to the chapel, and it was time for good-bye and home. But we have all been invited to come back again another day.

Father Bowden returned to Wellington last week, and will be at St. Mary of the Angels' parish for a time.

Although belated, our congratulations and good wishes to Very Rev. Dean Binsfeld are none the less sincere. Father McDonald is home again from the celebrations at Greenacres, which, from all accounts, were something unique. A privileged glimpse of the programme—our share—makes us wish that the Mount St. Mary's Jubilee Singers would honor us with a visit. It is good to be told about them, but probably even better to hear them.

Married recently at St. Mary's Church, Mr. C. H. Terry-coeck, late returned from active service, to Miss Eleanor D. Condor, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Condor, Aramoho. Father Meuard celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a very simple white crepe-de-chine dress, veil and orange blossoms. She carried a large white bouquet. The only bridesmaid, the bride's sister, Miss C. Condor, was in white silk and large black velvet hat. Mr. Sam Mc-Afee, also just home from overseas, was best man. After the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Condor entertained the guests, and later Mr. and Mrs. Terry-coeck left by motor for their new home.

Died last week at Turakina, Mrs. Mary Collins, widow of Daniel Collins, of that place. The late Mr. and Mrs. Collins were among the pioneers of the Turakina Valley, having arrived there from Ross, Co. Cork, more than 45

years ago. During that long time Mrs. Collins—"Grannie" as she came to be called affectionately by most of the settlers—made many friends, by all of whom she was loved for her gentleness and her peaceful disposition. She died as she lived, quietly and peacefully, at the age of 82, after a short illness of only a fortnight. One son is left, Mr. John Collins, who devoted his life to his mother, also four daughters—Sister M. Gertrude (Wanganui), Mrs. Sisson, and Mrs. O'Halloran (Turakina), and Mrs. Green (Bulls). Also a number of grandchildren, including Sister M. Ligouri (Wanganui), Mrs. Cochrane (Taranaki), and Mr. Green (Bulls). The burial service was conducted by Father Cashman, of Marton, assisted by Father Doolaghty, of Opunake.—R.I.P.

The inspectors have handed in their general reports for our schools, and the comments on the schools—St. Joseph's, Holy Infants', and the Brothers' School,—are indeed very favorable. It is possible that by this time next year the new school will be built and in use, and many little difficulties which cannot be overcome now will be ancient history.

Gisborne

(From our own correspondent.)

September 3.

A welcome to Rev. Father Brady on his arrival in Gisborne to take up parochial duties was held in the Assembly Hall on Wednesday last. A large number were present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The members of St. Mary's Choir arranged a most enjoyable musical programme. The ladies of the parish were responsible for a nicely-laid-out supper. The talented family of Mr. D. J. Parker contributed several instrumental items, which were much appreciated. Rev. Father Lane introduced the guest of the evening, and Rev. Father Brady briefly responded.

The arrangements for the social in aid of the St. Mary's Schools are well in hand, and for such a worthy object should result in a financial success.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

September 3.

Readers whom the Auckland *Star* does not reach will be interested in that journal's editorial reference to the recent appointment of Mr. Nosworthy to the Massey Cabinet. The *Star* says:—"Two new Ministers have been appointed—Mr. J. B. Hine (Stratford) and Mr. W. Nosworthy (Ashburton). Mr. Hine is not a brilliant man, but he has ability, and the public will be glad to see a soldier of his service finding a place in the Ministry. No reason is given for singling out Mr. Nosworthy for preference: if the contention is to balance the South Island against the North, other South Island Reform members with a better claim could be mentioned. Mr. Nosworthy is a mediocre, narrow-minded man, who has lent whatever weight attaches to his position to the campaign of religious intolerance. We do not consider that a member of Parliament is fit to be a Minister who has expressed hostility towards the Roman Catholics as Mr. Nosworthy has done. What he has said amounts to a desire to exclude from any Government any adherent of a Church which in membership stands third among religious bodies in the Dominion."

During this month the opening ceremony of the new church at Devonport will take place. Father Purlong and the parishioners are to be congratulated on having now such a beautiful church in their parish. Visitors are delighted with it, and though not one of the largest it will be one of the finest churches in New Zealand. It is a credit to the priest and people of Devonport and to the architect and the builder. Later, we hope to supply our readers with a detailed description of the church and a full account of the opening ceremony.

Sergeant M. Rogers, who retired from the police force after 41 years' service, was entertained, with Mrs. Rogers, at a farewell social given in the Coronation Hall by residents of Onehunga. The Mayor (Mr. J. Park), who presided, said that during the twelve years Sergeant Rogers had been in charge of the Onehunga police station he had won the respect of the community by his genial manner and the kindly way in which he had discharged his duties. Mrs. Rogers had ever been ready to help in all efforts to assist charitable objects. All through the war period she had worked hard for patriotic causes. Mr. Park presented Sergeant Rogers with a purse containing £100, and Mrs. Rogers with a Morris chair. Sergeant Rogers briefly acknowledged the presentations. Sergeant Rogers joined the police force in 1878 in Auckland. He was afterwards stationed at various places in the South Island, including Clyde, Central Otago, being promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1899. In 1907 he returned to Auckland, and the following year was placed in charge of the Onehunga station.